

BATESVILLE AREA MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION FOOD PANTRY  
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Dear Friends,

Merry Christmas to one and all! We have been enjoying our first Holiday Season in the new location, and we are pleased to say that the new set up is working out great! As many of you are aware, we give out a few extras to our clients in order to make the season Merry and Bright, or at least to the extent we can. We were nervous that, not having yet experienced the holidays in the new locale, we'd find things a bit confusing. However it could not have gone more smoothly, thanks to the additional space and our wonderful volunteers. Of course, having the extras to give out in the first place was crucial! Please accept our most sincere thanks for helping with the extra food, and with the many hours staffing the pantry as well. We quite literally could not feed the hungry without all of you. Churches, businesses, schools, and individuals have been so generous with their contributions, both food-wise and with funds...we are so thankful.

As we come to the end of another year we've been reviewing old records and have been amazed at how many of the clients we used to see are no longer coming in. Hopefully this means they have gotten back on their feet and currently don't need the help. However, there are still many that we have seen every month for many years and new faces are always showing up. So many have mentioned how much they appreciate our being there as they would not be able to make it without the help.

We have seen many changes throughout this past year, and most of them for the better. The biggest change, of course, is our new home in the Batesville Area Resource Center. Our neighbor, the Southeast Indiana Health Center, is as yet the only other tenant, but we hope that 2017 will see the completion of the BARC facility and the acquisition of more neighbors who will prove to be valuable assets to those in need. So, the work goes on, as is often the case when undertaking worthwhile projects. Hopefully the good folks Batesville area, including Ripley and Franklin Counties, will help to make Phase 3 of the BARC facility a reality, the same way they did for our Food Pantry!

**BEST WISHES TO EVERY ONE OF YOU FOR A WONDERFUL NEW YEAR!**

Sincerely,

*Batesville Area Ministerial Association Food Pantry*